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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CAPTURING, GEOLOCATING AND MEASURING OBLIQUE IMAGES

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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1. \boxtimes This communication is responsive to <u>papers filed 1/28/08</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 7,9-25 and 27-50.		
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority ur	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).	
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to papers filed on 1/28/08

Response to Amendment

2. In response to applicant's amendment received on 1/28/08, all requested changes to the claims have been entered. Claims 1-6, 8 and 26 been cancelled.

Examiner Note

3. The amendment filed on 1/28/08 by Hiscock & Barclay, LLP is has not been entered because to attorney was revoked at the time of filing. The amendment filed on 1/28/08 by Laura C. Wood (Reg. No. 58,435) of Dunlap, Codding & Rogers, P.C. has been entered.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, pages 14-16, filed 1/28/08, with respect to claim 7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 102(b) rejection of claim 7 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 7, 9-25 and 27-50 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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6. As to claim 7, please refer to applicant's remarks, pages 14-16, filed 1/28/08. As indicated by the applicants claim 7 is allowed.

- 7. As to claim 19 and previously indicated in the office action mailed on 7/27/07, none of the prior art teach or fairly suggests the limitation of "calculating the linear distance along said line segments between said starting and end points thereby taking into account said pitch and slope of said facets", in combination with the other limitations of the claim. The prior art of Ciampa discloses calculating the linear distances along line segments between a starting and end point (page 4, lines 1-4), but Ciampa does not teach or fairly suggest calculating the linear distance along said line segments between said starting and end points thereby *taking into* account said pitch and slope of said facets, as disclosed in the limitations of claim 19.
- 8. As to claim 24, none of the prior art teach or fairly suggest the limitation of "where said plurality of measurement modes comprises a distance measuring mode calculating a distance between two or more selected points, a height measuring mode calculating a height difference between two or more selected points, a relative elevation measurement mode calculating the difference in elevation of two or more selected points, and an area measurement mode calculating the area encompassed by at least three points", in combination with the other limitations of the claim. The prior art of Ciampa, already of record, discloses calculating a measurement between two points but does not teach or fairly suggest a plurality of measurement modes comprises a distance measuring mode calculating a distance between two or more selected points, a height measuring mode calculating a height difference between two or more

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selected points, a relative elevation measurement mode calculating the difference in elevation of two or more selected points, and an area measurement mode calculating the area encompassed by at least three points, as disclosed in the limitations of claim 24.

9. As to claim 27 and previously indicated in the office action mailed on 7/27/07, none of the prior art teach or fairly suggest the limitation of "guiding the platform along a second path to thereby target said target sectors; capturing with the image-capturing device one or more oblique images to thereby cover an entirety of each said target sector in oblique images captured from a second perspective", in combination with the other limitations of the claim. The prior art of USPN 6,747,686 to Bennett discloses guiding a platform along a first path to target one or more target sectors with an image-capturing device to provide a first perspective and capturing a second perspective of the target sectors while traveling along the first path (Abstract). Bennett does not teach or fairly suggest guiding the platform along a second path to thereby target said target sectors; capturing with the image-capturing device one or more oblique images to thereby cover an entirety of each said target sector in oblique images captured from a second perspective as disclosed in the limitations of claim 27.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON W. CARTER whose telephone number is (571)272-

7445. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 4:30 am (Mon. - Fri.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Aaron W Carter/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624